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Note: New vendors and subcontractors must supply all of the required paperwork (Appendix I, Financial Statement, and 3 Reference Letters), and must register in the Online Representations and Certifications Application (ORCA). In addition, all Vendors must also be registered in the CCR within 48 hours after bid opening or your company may be considered non-responsive.

FV-314

Fruit and Vegetable Programs

Date Issued: October 26, 2007

Fresh Vegetables, Announcement FV-314, Invitation 016

The Department of Agriculture (USDA) invites offers to sell fresh potatoes as indicated below and per the Announcement for use in Child Nutrition and other domestic food assistance programs. Offers are due by 1 p.m., Central Time, Tuesday, **November 6, 2007**. Acceptance will be announced by midnight, November 16, 2007. Deliveries are to be made from January 21, 2008 through March 19, 2008.

Offers are invited from the trade for:

Potatoes, Russet

50 lb ctn

7,200 cases

Vendors or its subcontractors/suppliers who are supplying fresh potatoes are required to undergo the USDA AMS FVP Fresh Products Branch Good Agricultural Practices and Good Handling Practices (GAP & GHP) certifications process, and must be completed within 12 months or within 10 business days after award of the contract. Vendors or its subcontractors/suppliers must pass the minimum score of 80% for each of the following elements: House Packing; Storage and Transportation; and Traceback. A negative response to questions 1 and 2 in the "General Questions" section shall result in an automatic unsatisfactory rating. Failure to obtain GAP & GHP certifications within the prescribed timeframe will result in the bidder to be deemed non responsive, and the contract terminated for default. Brokers are exempt from this requirement.

The Fresh Produce Audit Verification Program can be accessed at the following website:
<http://www.ams.usda.gov/fv/fpbgapghp.htm>

No offer will be made to 8(a) vendors on this invitation.

All prime vendors are reminded that they are prohibited from subcontracting with companies or individuals that have been suspended or debarred.

All invitations with orders for the state of New York must have the pack date stamped on the outside of each carton. The pack date should be annotated as per the following example: (05/01/2003). Orders for the state of New York requiring the special markings will be

indicated by (**). This applies to New York orders "Only", if and when they appear on an invitation.

Bids must be submitted electronically via the Domestic Electronic Bid Entry System (DEBES) on the Internet. Offerors who submit bids using other than DEBES, will be deemed non-responsive. Offeror must be assigned a Logon ID by USDA to access the site. The Internet address is: <http://pcsd.usda.gov/debes> which translates into a connection of <https://pcsd.usda.gov:3077/mdbc1000.exe>? Once connected, follow the online procedures. A 'HELP' button provides detailed instructions for using the system or call 202-720-4517 for assistance.

Bidders are cautioned to bid only quantities they can reasonably expect to produce and deliver in accordance with the contract. Inquiries about Announcement FV-314, Appendix-1, the Commodity Specification for Fresh Vegetables, or this Invitation should be directed to the Contracting Officer, USDA/AMS/Fruit and Vegetable Programs, Commodity Procurement Branch STOP 0239, 1400 Independence Avenue, S.W., Washington, DC 20250-9410, telephone (202) 720-4517. An electronic version of this invitation can be obtained through the World Wide Web via the Commodity Procurement Home Page at <http://www.ams.usda.gov/cp>.

Purchases will be made on a delivered basis, subject to Announcement FV-314, to the listed locations. Destination quantities are estimates and are subject to adjustment based on offerings, changes in recipient need, market conditions, and program operations. Delivery by trucks or railcars is optional to the contractor, except for those destination(s) which specify delivery by truck only or rail only.


Split shipments are indicated by a single asterisk.

ANNOUNCEMENT : FV314
 INVITATION : 016
 COMM GROUP : 38 VEGETABLES, FRESH
 COMM TYPE : 10 POTATOES, RUSSET, FRESH
 PACK SIZE : 60 50 LB CARTON

ITEM NO	DESTINATION CITY	ST	TRANS RESTR	QUANTITY (CSE)	PRICE PER (CSE)
DELIVERY PERIOD 01/21/08 - 01/23/08					
001	CAMDEN	NJ	TRUCK ONLY	75	
	PORT NEWARK	NJ		400	
	VINELAND	NJ		325	
002	CYNTHIANA	KY	TRUCK ONLY	432	
	LEXINGTON	KY	TRUCK ONLY	368	
DELIVERY PERIOD 02/04/08 - 02/06/08					
003	FORT MILL	SC	TRUCK ONLY	566	
	LEXINGTON	SC		234	
DELIVERY PERIOD 02/18/08 - 02/20/08					
004	BROOKLYN	NY	TRUCK ONLY	1,600	**KOSHER ONLY
005	PORT NEWARK	NJ		400	
	VINELAND	NJ		388	
	VINELAND	NJ	TRUCK ONLY	12	
006	LEXINGTON	SC		800	

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DELIVERY PERIOD 03/17/08 - 03/19/08					
007	BROOKLYN	NY	TRUCK ONLY	800	_____ **KOSHER ONLY
008	PORT NEWARK	NJ		400	_____
	VINELAND	NJ		389	
	VINELAND	NJ	TRUCK ONLY	11	
TOTAL QUANTITY FOR COMMODITY TYPE				7,200	
TOTAL QUANTITY FOR INVITATION				7,200	


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 Contracting Officer

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